(e) NMDC is not aware whether M/s. Nissho Iwai Corporation had paid commission to M/s. Meridien Engineering Enterprises, Hyderabad, to secure the order from NMDC.

Effect on DAMS due to delay of rains

788. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dams are unaffected by delayed rains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the extent of affect on different Dams and how it would affect the irrigation systems in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Central Water Commission monitors the position of storage capacity in respect of 56 dams all over the country. The details of the storage capacity of these reservoirs are given in Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 33] The storage position at the end of August, 1991 is below average in respect of only 8 dams. The extent of deficiency in respect of these 8 dams is given in Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 33] It is difficult at this juncture to forecast the effect of this deficiency on irrigation systems as the monsoon season is not yet over.

Sale of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

789. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total/gross investment in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant with breakup of Government institution involvement i.e. original capital outlay, revised outlay, loans of Government of India, loan from Financial Institution etc.; and

(b) whether Government propose to sell out this plant to make it viable; if not, by when this plant is going to be on break-even point?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The source of funding for construction of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant as on August, 1991 and the cost estimates approved at different points of time are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

Statement]

I. *Funding of Capital requirement of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant*

	As on August, '91*
	(Rs. in Crores)
1. Govt. of India—Equity	3505·84
2. Govt. of India—Loan	2199·40
3. PSUS/P Financial Institution/Banks	989·00
4. Bonds	300·00
5. Supplier/Buyers Credits	407·35
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